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In re Application of	:	
Harvery A. Furman et al.	:	
Application No. 10/643,289	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Filing Date: August 19, 2003	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(A)(3)
Attorney Docket No. 335970-	:	
00001	:	
Title: CLEANING COMPOSITIONS	:	
FOR OIL AND GAS WELLS, LINES,	:	
CASINGS, FORMATIONS AND	:	
EQUIPMENT AND METHODS OF USE	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3), filed August 24, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the amendment filed concurrently with the present petition.

The Office regrets the period of delay in issuing this decision.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

The original petition was filed on May 26, 2006 and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on August 15, 2006.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The original petition complied with items (2) and (3) above, but failed to contain an acceptable reference as it contained an improper incorporation-by-reference statement.

A reference to the prior-filed nonprovisional application has been included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(iii). However, a final Office action was mailed in this application on August 24, 2006. On February 23, 2007, applicant submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (with fee and submission), made timely by an accompanying petition for extension of time.

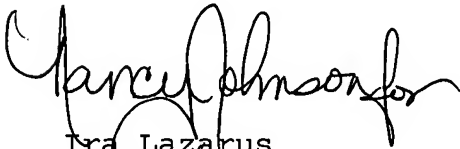
All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed nonprovisional application, has been included with this decision.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt which was mailed on January 29, 2004 includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to Paul Shanoski at (571) 272-3225¹. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Technology Center Art Unit 1712 will be made aware of this decision so that the examiner may consider applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed applications.



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Encl. Corrected Filing Receipt

¹ Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.



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CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a DIV of 09/671,701 09/28/2000 PAT 6,630,428
which is a DIV of 09/051,167 12/24/1998 PAT 6,173,776
which is a 371 of PCT/US96/15840 10/03/1996
which is a CIP of 08/538,262 10/03/1995 ABN

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 01/28/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/643,289**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Cleaning compositions for oil and gas wells, lines, casings, formations and equipment and methods of use

Preliminary Class

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